

MENOMINEE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, JULY 11th, 2011 - 5:00 P.M.
MTE FORESTRY CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM

1. Roll Call and Call to Order:

Chairman Jonathan Pyatskowit called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Pyatskowit, Douglas Cox, Gary Frechette, Kirk Menore, and Melissa Pitzl. MEMBERS ABSENT: Darren Zhuckkahosee (excused). ALSO PRESENT: Walter Cox (Conservation Director), George Korn (Tribal Member), and Briana Ninham (recorder).

2. Moment of Silence.

A moment of silence was observed.

3. Public Comment Period.

There were no public comments.

4. Chairman's Comments

Chairman Jonathan Pyatskowit stated that he took ordinance 99-01 and looked at the purposes of the Commission and would like for the Commission to implement some of the criteria laid out in the section. He stated that regulations should be based on a strong scientific base, and that any regulation that is purposed would have to have a reason and past regulations would have to be revisited and see if the effect has made any improvements or if there would have to be adjustments made to the specific regulation. He stated on the agenda he has steps for the Commission to set goals and define a process to match more closely that was outlined in 99-01.

Douglas Cox stated that there are two different opinions in the community and that it would depend on the individuals on how they may have felt was lacking on the Commission regarding the Hunting and Fishing regulations, and that it is the overall Commission decisions. He stated that Hunting and Fishing regulations were also developed by the Tribal members with their concerns regarding the issues and it would be up to the Commission if they could change the regulations with the concerns in account. He also stated that there is a standing motion that states that the Commission already has a defined process.

Melissa Pitzl stated that she is in agreement that it is important to consider the public input when making changes to the regulations, however that in ordinance 99-01 it clearly states how the Commission should operate under section 6, she stated that she is in agreement that there should be guidelines present instead of working off from personal opinions.

Jonathan Pyatskowit stated that another issue he would like to make aware to the Commission was that there was a resignation on the Commission and that the update is that the MTL will be taking action on the matter. He stated that he went off from the language that was provided in the by-laws and ordinance that stated that the Legislature would have to know and the action would then be carried out for reposting of the vacant position from the Chairman's Office.

Gary Frechette stated that he felt the resignations should have been reported to the Commission first before any action was decided upon the Legislature according to the by-laws that stated that it was suppose to be forwarded to the Legislature from the Commission, he also stated that he would like to see the resignation letter.

Douglas Cox stated that he would like to have entire Commission communication be open with the entire Commissioners, and he stated that he would like that the bylaws be adhere to.

Jonathan Pyatskowit stated that he will try to track down the document and have it forwarded to the Commission.

5. Adopt Changes To The By-Laws

- a. Section 6- Change location to Forestry Center Boardroom**
- b. Section 9- Set Annual Meeting to the 2nd Monday in April @ 5 pm.**

There was some confusion by the Commission as to who would have to provide the redline version of the by-laws.

Douglas Cox stated that the by-laws that were provided to the Commissioners were perhaps the wrong ones. The by-laws that he had at the last meeting were different than everyone else's and he stated that the ones that he had were the approved by-laws of the Commission.

Gary Frechette stated that he also went back into his past meeting packets and found the correct by-laws, however stated that he feels that the Commission worked hard on the by-laws at the last meeting and that he only noticed a few differences in the by-laws. He also stated that he would like to see that the add in from the final version be included as changes to the by-laws as well which would read under section Agenda subsection d.) "Any Menominee Conservation Commissioner can request the Menominee Conservation Commission Chairperson to place an item on the agenda; the Menominee Conservation Commission Chairperson will include the item on the agenda at the next Menominee Conservation Commission meeting."

Melissa Pitzl stated that she felt the Commission worked hard on the bylaws that were provided at the first meeting, and believes that the Commission has the power to adopt the bylaws that were currently present and move forward.

Jonathan Pyatskowit stated that the by-laws could always be revisited to add in any changes the Commission sees fit.

Motion made by Douglas Cox to add a section under Article III Section 1. Agendas; Sub section 4. and that it read Any Menominee Conservation Commissioner can request the Menominee Conservation Commission Chairperson to place an item on the agenda; the Menominee Conservation Commission Chairperson must include the item on the agenda at the next Menominee Conservation Commission meeting. Second was made by Gary Frechette. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 2-for, 2-opposed, 0-abstained, 1-absent (Darren Zhuckkahosee). Motion Defeated.

Please note Chairman Pyatskowit voted the motion down in the event of a tie.

Motion made by Douglas Cox to table item 5 a & b until next meeting. Second was made by Gary Frechette. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstained, 1-absent (Darren Zhuckkahosee). Motion carried.

6. Set Commission Goals

Melissa Pitzl suggested having the Commission draft a mission/vision statement that outlines what the goals of the Commission are.

Kirk Menore suggest that each Commissioner develops their own mission/vision statement by next meeting, then all can add to one general mission/vision statement with each individuals ideas to the statement.

7. Define A Process

Jonathan Pyatskowit stated that he would like a defined process for defensible purposes as outlined in Ordinance 99-01.

Douglas Cox stated that in the next meeting packets that the motion from May 3rd, 2011 adopting a process should be provided and stated that there is already a motion that states that a process is in action.

Kirk Menore suggested that the Commission could take a look at the current process that is in place and if any adjustments or any improvements may need to be made then as a new Commission they can make the improvements.

The Commission all agreed to look at the current process that is in place and that they will review and take up the item at the next meeting.

8. Other Business

Kirk Menore stated that he had a question regarding the changes made to the Hunting and Trapping Regulations concerning bag limits.

The Commission stated that each section would have a separate bag limit number which is why for the changes. There was also some discussion regarding if the changes of the hunting and trapping regulations document would be brought up during the meeting, however it was reassured that until there was an official process in place that is when the changes would be reviewed and taken action on.

George Korn stated that he was unable to sign up for the public comment period but had an issue he would like to address concerning motorize restrictions on some of the water ways and lakes and that he would like for the Commission to make it one of their goals to look at and send a recommendation to the Legislature to develop an ordinance that is not currently active right now, stating that the issue could become a problem in the future.

Jonathan Pyatskowitz stated that the jurisdiction on the water ways were not yet determined and suggested to gather some data and present the request to the Tribal Legislature for action.

Douglas Cox stated that he felt the Commission should have taken up the issue stating that if it's an issue for a Tribal member than it should be looked at and be set as a goal.

Walter Cox suggested that there is a boating ordinance on the books and that perhaps were this issue could be forwarded to is to the Enforcement and Resource Protection Committee for further action with amending the boating ordinance.

Gary Frechette stated that he felt the issue came to the right place and that it could be taken up by the Commission to be recommended to the appropriate Committee for action.

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Gary Frechette to adjourn the meeting. Second was made by Douglas Cox. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstained, 1-absent (Darren Zhuckkahosee). Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

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